GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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NEW ASSESSEE
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any target has been fixed for inclusion of new Income tax assessees during the current fiscal year;

(b) if so, whether the target has been achieved;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the further steps taken to fix realistic target ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a), (b), (c) & (d) : No Sir. No specific targets were fixed for the number of assessees to be added during the current financial year. A total number of 23,61,271 new assessees have been added till 31.1.2000. The tax bases of the country has already crossed the 20 million mark in October, 1999 and the total number of assessees in the country as on 31.1.2000 stands at 20.59 million.